Request for 10/086,775 **Application Number** M Examination (RCE) Transmittal March 1, 2002 Filing Date Paul J. Berlowitz First Named Inventor Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, JJD-0101 Attorney Docket No. provides for continued examination of an utility or Cephia D. Toomer **Examiner Name** plant application filed on or after Confirmation Number 8963 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA). Group Art Unit 1714 P2002J025 Family Number

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on 5/29/2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to 5/29/2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination & Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed Reg 50092 (8/16/2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed Reg 14865 (3/20/2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (4/11/2000), which established RCE practice.

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